HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE
PRE-HOME VISIT SCREENING FLOWCHART

BEFORE PROVIDING HOME CARE, ASK YOURSELF:

Do I have a fever (higher than 100.3 degrees) or new respiratory symptoms, such as a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?


Have I had close contact (lived with or been within 6 feet for over 15 minutes) with a person with COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

Have I been diagnosed with COVID-19 or told by a healthcare provider that I might have COVID-19?

STOP: DO NOT PERFORM PATIENT CARE

If approved by their provider and if they answer YES to Question 1:

If approved by their provider and if they answer YES to Question 4, or to Questions 1 AND 2 or 3:

THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER IS CONTACTED FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE.

Agency clinical staff should make a decision on whether it is appropriate for staff with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to provide home care.

If the agency does not have access to PPE and if the patient requires immediate care, emergency services should be contacted.

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CALL AHEAD AND ASK THE PATIENT/CAREGIVER IF THEY OR ANYONE WHO LIVES WITH THEM:

1. Has a fever (higher than 100.3 degrees) or new respiratory symptoms, such as a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?

2. Has traveled to a COVID-19-affected area outside of the U.S. or a U.S. Territory in the past 14 days?

3. Has had close contact (lived with or been within 6 feet for over 15 minutes) with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

4. Has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or told by a healthcare provider that they might have COVID-19?

YES to ANY of these questions:

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CONTINUE PROVIDING PATIENT CARE USING STANDARD PRECAUTIONS. ADDITIONALLY:

- Encourage patient and caregiver to restrict visitors and adhere to home isolation.
- Encourage patient to wear a face mask during the provision of care and in the presence of others.
- Encourage patient and caregiver to perform hand hygiene often.
- Reassess their situation daily and notify the agency immediately if their situation changes.

CONTINUE PROVIDING PATIENT CARE USING STANDARD PRECAUTIONS. ADDITIONALLY:

- Perform proper hand hygiene before and after all patient contact, contact with potentially infectious material, and before putting on and after removing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including gloves, by washing hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds, or using alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains 60-95% alcohol.
- Appropriate usage of PPE should be followed.

NO to ALL of the above questions:

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL PROVIDER SUPPORT@ACHC.ORG.

SOURCE INFORMATION: CDC.GOV AND OSHA.GOV.

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